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Owing to the printing dispute the "Board of Trade Journal" is again published in an abridged form. We apologise to advertisers for the omission of their announcements owing to severely restricted space. Normal publication, it is expected, will be resumed next week.

Wholesale Price Index Numbers

A PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN THE ELECTRICAL MACHINERY INDUSTRY

THE PRESENT Board of Trade index of wholesale prices first appeared at the beginning of 1935. It was a revision of earlier Board of Trade indices going back to 1871, and the selection of the commodities included and the weights attributed to each were based on information obtained from the 1930 Census of Production. The revision of the present index, delayed as a result of the war, is now being rendered possible by the publication of the results of the 1948 census. Since 1935, however, the need has been generally felt for an index with a greatly enlarged scope, and one from which a considerable number of sub-indices could be derived to serve a variety of industrial, governmental and general economic purposes. At present only raw materials and commodities at an early stage of manufacture are included. With the co-operation, however, of trade associations and individual industrial and trading concerns, the revision of the index is proceeding on the basis of representing directly or indirectly all important commodities entering into the economy of the country.

Among the sub-indices for which the need has been most seriously felt are those representing the price-movements of the materials used in some of the major industries. The first of these is given below, and the average monthly figure will in future appear in the "Board of Trade Journal" as soon as is practicable after the end of each month. It covers the materials used in the electrical machinery industry, as defined in the Standard Industrial Classification, and the weights used are based on information obtained from the 1948 Census of Production.

The base adopted for the index is June 30 1949, and the method of calculation has been to multiply the price-relatives for the selected commodities, i.e. the ratio the prices for each period bear to the corresponding figures for June 30 1949, by "weights" determined by calculating the proportions by value of

Price Index Numbers of Materials of the Electrical Machinery Industry. June 30 1949 = 100

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yearly av.
1945	74.2	74.5	74.0	73.8	73.9	74.0	74.3	74.7	74.7	74.8	74.8	75.9	74.5
1946	78.5	78.7	78.6	79.5	80.0	80.1	83.6	84.2	85.1	85.2	86.6	88.9	82.4
1947	93.6	94.4	95.7	98.5	98.4	98.2	97.4	96.6	96.7	99.1	99.3	99.7	97.3
1948	101.7	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	101.1	101.1	100.4	100.3	102.5	103.0	103.2	101.9
1949	103.6	103.1	102.2	105.8	103.8	101.5	99.1	99.5	102.5	108.6	109.5	108.9	104.0
1950	109.4	109.6	109.4	111.2	115.0	118.6	120.7	122.5					

each commodity (or group of commodities imputed to it) in the 1948 Census. At the request of the industry the index has been calculated back to 1945.

Commodities included in the index

Specification	Weight	Specification	Weight
1. Foundry pig iron	13.5	17. Brass, tubes	.6
2. Steel ingots (non-alloy)	7.8	18. strip and sheet	.7
3. Re-rolled steel products: angles etc. 4" and under	2.2	19. condenser plates	.7
4. Re-rolled steel products: bars etc. 5" and under	4.7	20. Aluminium, ingots	3.8
5. Heavy steel plates	2.0	21. circles	.4
6. Black sheets	2.0	22. Lead	.7
7. Galvanised sheet wire	.5	23. Solder	.4
8. Electrical sheet	13.7	24. Tin, ingots	.6
9. Alloy steel bars, nickel chrome molybdenum	7.6	25. Zinc, refined and electrolytic	.9
10. Copper, H.C. electro	3.6	26. Paint, enamel and varnish	2.1
11. cold-rolled strip	3.0	27. Electro-ceramics	4.1
12. sheet	3.0	28. Cotton tape	1.6
13. H.C. wire	.9	29. Synthetic resins, phenol formaldehyde	2.3
14. tubes	1.9	30. Laminated synthetic resin boards	2.6
15. rods	1.9	31. Mica board	3.2
16. Brass, ingots 60/40	6.5	32. Rubber No. 1 R.S.S.	.5
			100.0

Supplies of Consumer Goods to the Home Market

THE LATEST data available of supplies of consumer goods to the home market is given below for insertion in the main tables published in the "Board of Trade Journal" on May 20 1950.

Table	Sub-heading	Period	Reading across the columns for additional figures
2	Gloves: Leather	April-June	0.39, 0.01, 0.52
	fabric	April-June	0.38, 0.05, 0.72
15	Matches	April-June	193
17	Clocks	May	283, 27
	Watches	May	240
18	Tobacco	June	17.7
		January-June	17.6
19	Radio sets	June	119 *
	Prams and folders	June	36
	Push chairs	June	49
	Pedal cycles	June	93, 19.3 *
		January-June	91, 19.4 *
	Sewing machines	April	8.2
21	Pen nibs	May-July	7539

* Source: Ministry of Supply.

Cotton Output and Employment during July

LOCAL HOLIDAYS still affected cotton production during July, cloth output being particularly low during the second and third weeks of the month. Single cotton yarn spun during July was 3 per cent. more than in June and 2 per cent. higher than a year earlier. The quantity of cotton cloth produced, which was the lowest for a year, was a fifth below output in June but 5 per cent. more than in July 1949. Rayon and mixture cloth produced, also the lowest for a year, was 16 per cent. lower than output in June but 18 per cent. more than a year earlier.

Production figures of yarn and cloth during the four weeks ended July 29, in the same order as the columns in the table on page 407 of the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" of August 19, were 9.93, 5.46, 0.33, 15.72, 1.77, 1.74, 2.99, 1.81, 4.80, 32.8, 11.4, 11.47, 3.53. Figures for employment and machine activity, in the same order as the columns in the table on page 408 of the same issue of the Journal, were 52.4, 82.6, 108.3, 26.7, 135.0, 45.3, 74.9, 120.2, 13.6, 7.4, 24.7, 73, 2.53, 74, 244. Such footnotes as accompanied previous tables of this series still apply.

Purchases Under Personal Export Scheme in First Half of 1950

THE VALUE of goods purchased under the Personal Export Scheme by visitors to the United Kingdom amounted to £1,099,000 during the first half of this year. Of this total, 39 per cent. was spent by visitors from the Americas, including Canada. In addition, United Kingdom emigrants, who are also entitled to participate in the scheme, spent over £201,000 in the same period.

During June 1950, visitors to the United Kingdom purchased goods to the value of £267,000, 10 per cent. more than in May. A further £33,000 was spent by emigrants from the United Kingdom, a decrease of 3 per cent. compared with the previous month.

Purchases by visitors from the Americas, including Canada, amounted to £130,000, an increase of 37 per cent. compared with May, and nearly 50 per cent. of the total of visitors' purchases.

Clothing accounted for 75 per cent. of all purchases, and almost 90 per cent. of the total was spent in London.

HOME NEWS SECTION

Provisional Trade Returns show August Exports as a new Record

MR. ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY, Secretary for Overseas Trade, announced on Monday at Gillingham that the provisional United Kingdom overseas trade figures for August were as follows:

United Kingdom exports in August reached a new record at £189.3 million (provisionally), which was £19.9 million higher than the average for the second quarter. The rate of exports in August was also a record: August contained 26 working days and exports exceeded the monthly average of the first half of 1950, adjusted to months of 26 working days, by 7 per cent.

Imports were valued provisionally at £214.9 million, and with re-exports at the high figure of £7.4 million, the excess of imports (valued c.i.f.) over exports and re-exports (valued f.o.b.) was £18.1 million - the lowest figure since February 1949.

For the first eight months of this year the provisional value of imports was £1,717.7 million and total exports £1,444.6 million, bringing the excess of imports to date to £273.1 million. In 1949 the corresponding figures were £1,505.6 million, £1,212.5 million, and £293.1 million respectively.

Exports to North America

United Kingdom exports to the United States in August, £11.0 million or $30.7 million provisionally, were nearly as high as in July and 51 per cent. above the average for the second quarter of the year.

Exports to Canada (£12.2 million provisionally, equivalent to U.S. $34.1 million) again increased and were 19 per cent. higher than the average for the second quarter, although slightly below the record total for May.

The combined figure of exports to North America was equivalent to U.S. $64.8 million, an increase of U.S. $3.8 million over the high July figure and 29 per cent. more than the peak quarterly average for the fourth quarter of 1948.

Although no detailed breakdown of the North American figures is yet available, it is only reasonable to suppose that the U.S. figures reflect continued U.S. stock-piling.

Exports to North America

		U.S.A.	Canada	Total N. America	Converted at			U.S.A.	Canada	Total N. America	Converted at
		Monthly averages: U.S. $ millions						Monthly averages: U.S. $ millions			
1948	4th Qtr.	22.5	27.9	50.3	£4.03 = £1	1950	1st Qtr.	18.8	23.9	42.8	£2.80 = £1
							2nd "	20.4	28.6	48.9	"
1949	1st "	21.2	26.7	47.9	"						
	2nd "	13.4	26.5	39.9	"						
	3rd "	15.1	25.2	40.3	"		July	31.7	29.3	61.0	"
	4th "	18.7	20.0	38.7	£2.80 = £1		August	30.7	34.1	64.8	"

Manufacturers' Prices for Utility Domestic Overalls and Aprons Increased

THE BOARD OF TRADE have made an Amendment to the existing Order relating to the manufacture and supply of women's utility domestic overalls and aprons, which provides higher manufacturers' maximum prices for all garments made from cotton cloths.

These increases, which range between about 1 per cent. and about 3 per cent. are due to increases in the price of Utility cotton cloth following increases in the price of raw cotton.

The new Order The Utility Apparel (Women's Domestic Overalls and Aprons) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1950 came into force yesterday and copies are obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2 and branches or through any bookseller or newsagent.

New Wool Cloths and Prices for Men's and Boys' Utility Outerwear

THE BOARD OF TRADE have made a new Order amending The Utility Apparel (Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1950, and providing revised manufacturers' maximum prices for men's and youths' Utility outerwear made from wool cloths.

A number of new wool cloths have also been specified for certain garments.

The new Order, The Utility Apparel (Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1950, comes into force on September 20 and copies will be obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office on September 18.

Utility Overalls and Merchant Navy Uniforms

FROM SEPTEMBER 15 maximum prices for Utility domestic and industrial overalls and aprons, and Merchant Navy uniforms are increased.

In the case of domestic overalls and aprons these increases range between about 1 per cent. and about 3 per cent. For ordinary Utility industrial overalls the increases will be roughly 2½ per cent. and for Merchant Navy uniforms, industrial aprons, and one or two special types of overalls they will be roughly 1½ per cent.

These increases are due to increases in the price of Utility cotton cloth, following increases in the price of raw cotton.

Output of Wool Textiles in July

DELIVERIES of both worsted yarn and woven fabrics (excluding blankets) in July were 8 per cent. lower than in June; compared with July 1949 worsted yarn deliveries were 17 per cent. higher but there was little change for woven fabrics. Production of tops was 4 per cent. lower than in June but 16 per cent. more than a year earlier.

Figures for the consumption of wool and mixtures during July, in the same order as shown in the table on page 356 of the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" of August 12, are 16.45, 11.00, 1.13, 3.99, 9.75, 1.34, 0.40, 1.43, 2.19, 6.09, 0.49, 1.89. The production of tops, in million lbs. was: Merino 14.84; Crossbred 10.75; Total, including hair, 26.49; and for tops drawn: Merino 10.26; Crossbred 7.95; Total, including hair, 19.15. Deliveries of worsted yarn were 18.12 million lbs. of fabrics (excluding blankets), in million linear yards, Woollen 19.81, Worsted 13.87, Total 33.68, and blankets 1.21. The estimated number, in thousands, of productive workers employed on July 28 was, Combing 14.2, Worsted spinning 54.9, Worsted weaving 34.0, Woollen spinning 23.0, Woollen weaving 44.6, and total personnel 209.2. Such footnotes as accompanied previous tables of this series still apply.

Worsted yarn deliveries during July, classified according to the products into which they were to be made, were:-

	Thousand lbs.
Carpet and rug yarn	708
Other weaving yarn	9,150
Hosiery yarn	6,166
Hand-knitting and other yarn for retail sale	2,076
Unclassified	20
TOTAL	18,120

Trade Commissioner Appointed to Edmonton, Alberta

THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT have decided to strengthen the Trade Commissioner service in Canada by opening an office at Edmonton. The territory of this new post will embrace the Province of Alberta, which has hitherto been covered by the Trade Commissioner at Vancouver.

In deciding to establish an independent Trade Commissioner post at Edmonton the United Kingdom Government have been influenced by the growing economic importance of Alberta, stimulated by the development of her resources of oil and natural gas. It is their hope that the appointment of a Trade Commissioner at Edmonton will be welcomed in Canada by those seeking United Kingdom sources of supply for capital and other goods required for Alberta's expansion, and that it will be of great assistance to United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters wishing to trade with that province.

The officer appointed to the new post is Mr. Frederick Ingilby Lamb, who was until recently one of H.M. Trade Commissioners at Montreal. He will take up his new duties as from September 15.

Commonwealth Economic Discussions

THE PRESIDENT of the Board of Trade announces that advantage is being taken of the presence in London of Commonwealth Ministers from overseas, in connection with various international meetings, to discuss on an informal basis the development of Commonwealth trade and certain other economic questions. The discussions are planned to start on Monday September 18 and are expected to continue during the week. The President of the Board of Trade will lead the discussions on trade questions, the Minister of State for Economic Affairs those on other economic and financial questions.

The meeting will provide Commonwealth Ministers with an opportunity to review the progress which has been made in Commonwealth co-operation in the trade field and to consider matters of financial and economic policy of interest to the Commonwealth as a whole, including the economic implications of recent developments in the international situation.

Patents Act, 1949

UNDER SECTION 35 the undermentioned patents were endorsed "Licences of Right" on the dates given.

31 August 1950. Nos. 576,975; 600,389; 631,906; 635,611.

2 September 1950. No. 616,458.

5 September 1950. Nos. 554,623; 554,624; 554,625; 554,650; 586,989; 588,619; 594,757; 594,817; 594,996; 595,746; 599,226; 631,116.

Any objections under Section 36(2) may be made within two months after endorsement.

Cancellation of Endorsements

31 August 1950. Nos. 545,648; 557,097.

PATENT OFFICE. J. L. Blake, Comptroller-General.

Distribution of United Kingdom Trade: Copies of an article on the Distribution of United Kingdom Overseas Trade in the first half of 1950 may be obtained on application to the Board of Trade, Statistics Division, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

New Director Designate of British Standards Institution: Mr. H. A. R. Binney, an Under Secretary at the Board of Trade, has been appointed Deputy Director and Director Designate of the British Standards Institution. He will take up his duties in the near future.

Export of Wrought Copper: Under an Order made by the Board of Trade, export licences are now required for shipment of wrought copper and alloys "mainly of copper" in certain forms to any destination.

Registrations of British and Foreign Films

THE FOLLOWING are details of films registered by the Board of Trade under the Cinematograph Films Acts 1938 and 1948 during the week ended Tuesday, September 12, 1950.

Title of Film	Registered in the Name of	Maker's Name	Registered No.	Length (feet)	Date of Registration
		BRITISH			
A Fly about the House	N.S.S. Productions Ltd.	Halas & Batchelor Cartoon Films Ltd.	BR/E14330	778	September 6
Men of the World	"	Crown Film Unit	BR/E14331	895	September 6
London Style	Adelphi Films Ltd.	Crown Film Unit	BR/E14332	785	September 6
No Trace	Eros Films Ltd.	Tempean Films Ltd.	BR/E14345	6,851	September 11
		FOREIGN			
Assignment in China	International Film Distributors Ltd.	Sigmund Neufeld Productions	F14333	7,784	September 6
Mr. Ashton was Indiscreet	Eros Films Ltd.	Universal International Films Inc.	F14334	7,318	September 6
Guilty Bystander	International Film Distributors Ltd.	Laurel Films Inc.	F14335	8,240	September 7
Lonesome Trail	Monarch Film Corpn. Ltd.	Monogram International Corpn.	F14336	5,054	September 8
Love that Brute	Twentieth Century-Fox Film Co. Ltd.	Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp.	F14337	7,617	September 8
Fighting Man of the Plains	"	"	F14338	8,449	September 8
Lumière D'Été	Fairsham Film Distributors Ltd.	André Paulvé Productions	F14339	9,748	September 11
Flying Saucer	International Film Distributors Ltd.	Colonial Productions Inc.	F14340	5,391	September 11
Three Little Words	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd.	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	F14341	9,199	September 11
The Violent Hour	"	"	F14342	6,715	September 11
Sierra	Eros Films Ltd.	Universal International Films Inc.	F14343	7,407	September 11
Texas Kid, Outlaw	"	"	F14344	7,029	September 11

BR/E indicates that the film is an Exhibitors' Quota Film.
The Film "London Style" (BR/NQ14300) was registered as a British non-quota film on August 28, 1950. That registration has been cancelled, and the film was re-registered (BR/E14332) as a British film, counting for the Exhibitors' quota, on September 6, 1950.
The title of the film "Diving Acrobats" (World of Sport) registered on August 28, 1950 (F14289) should read "Diving Acrobrats" (World of Sport).
The title of the film "Strawberry Roan" (F14037), registered on June 22, 1950, has been altered to "Fools Awake".
The title of the film "Sensations of 1945" (F7680) registered on October 11, 1944, has been altered to "Sensations" and the length altered to 6,557 feet.
The title of the film "Hi Diddle Diddle" (F6770) registered on October 26, 1943, has been altered to "Try and Find it", and the length altered to 5,818 feet.
The title of the film "The Miracle of Life" (F11071) registered on January 1, 1935, has been altered to "Struggle for Life", and the length altered to 5,544 feet.

Exempted Dealers in Securities

THE FOLLOWING amendments were made during August to the list of Exempted Dealers in Securities authorised under Section 15 of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, 1939:-

Insert Bunge & Co. Ltd., Bunge House, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

Change of Name: Delete Brown, Harriman & Co. Ltd.;
Insert Robert Fraser & Partners Ltd.

Under the entry - Guinness, Mahon & Co., Delete Walter Waldemar Ffennell, Arthur Rundell Guinness, Brien Mortimer Clarke;
Insert Sir George Edward John Mahon, Bt., Walter George Morrell Hamilton, Sir Arthur Rundell Guinness, K.C.M.G.

Trustee Savings Banks: Change of Name - Delete Cardiff Trustee Savings Bank;
Insert South Wales (East) and Monmouthshire Trustee Savings Bank.

Exemption from Key Industry Duty

THE TREASURY have made an Order under Section 10(5) of the Finance Act, 1926, exempting the following articles from Key Industry Duty for the period beginning September 11, 1950 and ending December 31, 1950:-
p-Nitrotoluene; O-Anisidine; Mono Chloroacetic acid; Diethylamine; Ethylenediamine hydrate.

The Order is The Safeguarding of Industries (Exemption) (No. 10) Order, 1950, and is published as Statutory Instruments 1950 No. 1470. Copies may be obtained (price 1d. net, by post 2d.) from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, and branches, or through any bookseller.

OVERSEAS TRADE SECTION

Canada's Supplementary Budget for 1950

THE FOLLOWING details of increases in Canadian excise taxes and duties announced by Mr. Abbott, the Minister of Finance, in his Budget Speech on September 7, have been received from the United Kingdom Senior Trade Commissioner in Ottawa. These changes come into effect immediately.

EXCISE DUTIES

Additional duties on whisky, gin, rum, brandy, liqueurs and all other goods specified in tariff item no. 156 increased to $8.00 per gallon of the strength of proof.

Additional duties on ale, beer, porter and stout increased to 40 cents per gallon.

EXCISE TAXES

Tax on all goods mentioned in Schedule 1 of the Excise Tax Act including the following increased from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent.:- Automobiles, tires and tubes, cameras and photographic equipment, fountain pens and pencils, furs, jewellery, watches, clocks and ornaments, cigarette lighters, matches, radios and phonographs, slot machines, smokers accessories, toilet articles and trunks, purses and luggage.

Following goods now subject to a tax of 15 per cent.:- Electrical appliances and equipment adapted for household use; firearms and complete parts thereof and ammunition except for military or police purposes, motor cycles and all other two or three-wheeled motor-driven vehicles including motors for attachment to bicycles but not including vehicles specially designed for carrying goods or for use by invalids; golf clubs and balls; fishing rods and reels.

Following goods now subject to a tax of 30 per cent.:- Carbonated beverages; aerated waters; unfermented fruit juice beverages (not including beverages containing at least 95 per cent. pure fruit juices) and all imitations and other mixed soft drinks, candy, chocolate, chewing gum and similar confectionery.

Tax on carbonic acid gas and similar preparations for aerating non-alcoholic beverages now 50 cents per pound.

Australian Tariff Board References

Storage Battery Locomotives

IT IS reported by telegram from the United Kingdom Senior Trade Commissioner at Canberra that the Commonwealth Comptroller General of Customs has decided to remove STORAGE BATTERY LOCOMOTIVES of 8 tons and over from the provisions of entry under tariff item 449(A)(1), as from September 10, 1950.

The question of what rate of duty should be imposed on Storage Battery Locomotives, now classifiable under tariff item 177(A)(2), has been referred to the Commonwealth Tariff Board for enquiry and report.

United Kingdom Trade Associations or firms wishing to obtain further information with a view to presenting evidence at the enquiry should communicate immediately with the Board of Trade, Commercial Relations and Exports Department, Millbank, London, S.W.1, quoting Reference No. CRE.10072/50.

Magnetos and parts for Magnetos

In the notice about Magnetos and Parts for Magnetos published in the "Board of Trade Journal" on September 9 (page 531) the second paragraph should have read as under:-

(2) What rates of duty should be imposed on MAGNETOS and PARTS FOR MAGNETOS imported into the Commonwealth of Australia which at present are admitted under Tariff Item 449(A)(1).

Labelling in Spanish of Pharmaceutical and Allied products in Ecuador: Decree No. 957 of June 5, 1950 and published in the Ecuadorean "Official Gazette" of July 18, 1950 prohibits the import of pharmaceutical, antibiotic or opotherapic products which are not individually labelled and provided with literature printed in Spanish. These may, however, also have texts written in any other language. An exception may be made for products imported by medical and analogous bodies. A full translation of this decree can be seen at Board of Trade, Tariff Section, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Suspension of Prior Permits for First Category Goods in Uruguay. Notices about the suspension of Prior Permits for First Category Goods in Uruguay appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" on August 19 and 26. A Decree of September 1, amends the list of First Category goods for which prior permits are no longer required from certain currency areas including the Sterling Area. The list may be seen at the Board of Trade, Tariff Section, Room 2112, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Increased Import Duties in Bolivia on Glass Manufactures. The Commercial Secretary to H.M. Embassy at La Paz has reported that a decree issued on August 11, 1950 provides for an increase in import duties on glass products included under Tariff numbers 749, 751, 752, 756, 757 and 769 - A detailed list of the products and the new duties can be seen at Board of Trade, Tariff Section, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Imports into France, Algeria and the French Overseas Departments Free of Licence: A notice in the French Journal Officiel of August 26, 1950 announced the amendment and extension of the list of goods that may be imported into France, Algeria and the French Oversea Departments free of licence. An English version of the notice together with an explanatory introduction is obtainable on application to the Board of Trade, Commercial Relations and Exports Department (Industries Branch), Room 1116, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Prices of Lactic Casein: In the revised prices of Lactic Casein given on page 530 of last week's "Board of Trade Journal" the price of 5s. 5d. per kilo was given for quantities of under 1 bag. This price should have been 5s. 0d. per kilo.

Information for United Kingdom Exporters

Enquiries connected with the tender documents mentioned in this notice should be addressed to the Commercial Relations and Exports Department (Industries Branch), Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1. (unless otherwise stated). Telephone Victoria 9040. The appropriate room numbers and telephone extensions are as indicated.

CALLS FOR the following tenders have been reported to the Department. The closing date in each case is shown in brackets.

AUSTRALIA

Call for tenders by the City Electric Light Co. Ltd., Brisbane, for the supply, delivery and maintenance of one transformer for use between the purchaser's 33,000 volt system and the 11,000 volt hydro-electric system at the Somerset Dam on the Stanley River. (12th October, 1950). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 64268/50).

Call for tender by the City Electric Light Co. Ltd., of Brisbane, for the manufacture, testing at works, delivery and erection at the purchaser's substation, No. 21 McLachlan Street, Valley, Brisbane, of indoor metal-clad, single busbar switchgear. (26th October, 1950). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 64304/50).

Call for tenders for the supply and delivery of eight spillway gates for the Somerset Dam by the Queensland Department of the Co-ordinator General of Public Works. (27th November, 1950). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 63726/50).

Call for tenders by the State Electricity Commission of Queensland on behalf of the Co-ordinator General of Public Works, Cairns Regional Electricity Board, for the supply, delivery, erection, testing, setting to work and maintenance of two water driven turbo-alternators. (29th November, 1950). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 64303/50).

URUGUAY

Call for tenders by the Usinas Electricas y Telefonos del Estado for equipment for the extension of the "Jose Batlle y Ordonez" Central Thermo-Electric Power Station. (17th January, 1951). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 60735/50).

Information regarding these five calls can be obtained from Room 133, I.C. House, Millbank, London, S.W.1. (Whitehall 5140, Extension 443).

BELGIUM

Call for tender by the Belgian State Railways (No. 2851/441) for the supply of electro mechanical signalling equipment. (4th October, 1950). Information regarding this can be obtained from Room 1086 (Extension 3042). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 64228/50).

INDIA

Call for tenders by Director General of Industries and Supplies, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, (No. SR1/111847/III) for the supply of galvanized dividing plates. (26th September, 1950). Information regarding this can be obtained from Room 1086 (Extension 3042). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 64032/50).

S. AFRICA

Call for tenders by Electricity Department of the City of Cape Town (No. 1621/1950) for the supply of 2,000 alternating current single phase house service meters rated at 10 amperes, 220 volts, 50 cycles, 2 wire. (27th September, 1950). Information regarding this can be obtained from Room 1080 (Extension 3012). (Reference C.R.E. (IB) 63946/50).

Chilean Import and Exchange Control Regulations

H.M. AMBASSADOR at Santiago has forwarded a translation of Decree No. 6,501 published in the "Diario Official" on August 8, announcing a further list of modifications in Chile's exchange rate system concerning the import of certain Merchandise, and operative from July 18.

A list of these items showing the revised rates of exchange may be inspected by persons interested at Board of Trade, Tariff Section, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Bolivian Import and Exchange Control Regulations

A SUPREME DECREE of the Bolivian Government dated August 11, 1950, permits the issue, from August 15, to September 30, of import permits for goods to be imported with "divisas propias" (privately owned exchange).

Imports are restricted to goods brought in as capital, and before a permit is granted, the applicant must produce to the Central Bank a certificate from a reputable bank abroad showing that he had, on July 1, 1950, an account there sufficient to cover the amount of his proposed import of goods. Goods importable under this decree are confined to machinery, raw materials or goods not on the prohibited list.

Egyptian Customs Tariff Changes: Full details of the alterations in duties in the Egyptian Customs Tariff are available and may be seen at Board of Trade, Room 1124, Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Indian Import Trade Control

TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE has been received from the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Delhi that:-

(a) no licences will be issued for the import of rubber insulated cables and flexibles having a cross sectional area under 1/80th of a square inch (Serial No. 45 of Part II of the Import Trade Control Schedule). (b) Licences for the import of worsted woollen fabrics made from yarns of 70 counts and above will be issued to established importers only on a quota basis of 15 per cent. of half of best years imports from all sources except Czechoslavakia. Applications should reach the Indian Authorities by October 31, 1950. (c) Centrifugal pumps for pumping water with horizontal spindle and with suction bore of 6 inches and below or delivery bore of 4 inches and below will be licensed to established importers only on quota basis of 40 per cent. of half of best years imports of all sorts of power driven pumps. Licences will also be granted for import of all power driven pumps (Serial No. 34, Part II of the I.T.C. Schedule). (d) Import of clinical thermometers will be allowed under Open General Licence XX if shipped on or before December 31, 1950.

Export Credits Guarantees for Argentina

IN RESPONSE to enquiries the Board of Trade confirm that for the time being Export Credits Guarantee Department are unable to resume the issue of guarantees under Section 1 of the Export Guarantees Act, 1949, for the sale of capital goods to the Argentine. Guarantees under Section 1 of this Act are given by the Export Credits Guarantee Department on strict commercial principles with the advice and approval of the Department's Advisory Council.

For reasons of public policy, however, guarantees may be given in exceptional circumstances by the Board of Trade under Section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act without the approval of the Advisory Council of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, and the Board of Trade with the consent of the Treasury are prepared in certain circumstances to make arrangements for giving such guarantees on Argentine business which is at present ineligible for cover under Section 1 of the Export Guarantees Act, 1949. Such guarantees will be authorised only in cases which the Board of Trade and the Treasury consider of exceptional importance to the trade of the United Kingdom, and it is not intended to invoke the special facilities of Section 2 of the Act in general substitution for the guarantees withdrawn under Section 1.

Australian Import Licensing Relaxations

THE FOLLOWING goods have been exempted from the application of the Australian Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations:-

(a) Goods produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom with the exception of tinplate, Tariff Item 147.

(b) Goods produced or manufactured in the sterling area (other than the United Kingdom) and in "easy currency" countries with the exception of goods admissible under Tariff Items:-
66 and 68 (linseed); 85 (rice); 100 (tea); 129(A) hessian brattice cloth and jute piece goods); ex 130(A) and ex 130(B)(2) (canvas and duck when of jute); ex 133(B) and ex 134 (hessian or jute bags and sacks); 147 (tinplate) 229(A), (B), (C), and (D) (petroleum products); 229(F)(3) (linseed oil); 392(E)(jute yarns); and any of the above entered under Tariff Items 370 and 449.

Australian Tariff Board Reference

THE FOLLOWING question has been referred by the Commonwealth Minister of Trade and Customs to the Tariff Board for enquiry and report:-

What rate of duty should be imposed on FISH and FISH PRODUCT at present classifiable under Tariff Items 51(B), 51(C), 51(D), 51(F) and 449(A)(1).

United Kingdom Trade Associations or firms wishing to obtain further information with a view to presenting evidence at the enquiry should communicate immediately with the Board of Trade, Commercial Relations & Exports Department, Millbank, London, S.W.1., quoting Ref. No. C.R.E.9957/50.

Application of Maximum Import Duties in South Africa

GOVERNMENT NOTICES Nos. 2053 and 2054 published in the "Union of South Africa Government Gazette" of August 25, 1950, provide for the imposition of maximum import duties on specified goods entering South Africa from certain sources (not including the United Kingdom); in some cases additional maximum duties have been laid down and brought into force as from the date of the notice.

The above Notices may be seen by persons interested at the Board of Trade, Commercial Relations and Exports Department (Tariff Section), Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Amendments to Mexican Import Tariff

THE FOLLOWING alterations have been made to the Mexican Import Tariff:-

Tariff No.	
8.40.04	Television receivers in Cabinet, duties in Mexican pesos per legal Kilo 0.60 plus 20% ad valorem.
8.40.05	ditto, without cabinet or frameworks therefor, with one or more parts connected, legal Kilo 0.60 plus 10% ad valorem.
8.42.40	Individual parts and spare parts for television apparatus, legal Kilo 0.06 plus 10% ad valorem.

These amendments entered into force on August 7, 1950, by Decree dated July 17, published in the "Mexican Official Gazette" on August 4, 1950.

Rebate or Refund of Customs Duties in Southern Rhodesia. Government Notice No. 643 published in the "Southern Rhodesia Government Gazette" of July 21, 1950, contains a consolidated list of raw, semi-manufactured or manufactured materials, on which a rebate or refund of the whole of the Customs duty is granted, on first importation or when taken out of bond for use in specified industries.

Copies of the Notice may be seen at the Board of Trade, Commercial Relations and Exports Department, (Tariff Section), Thames House (North), Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Norwegian Import Restrictions. The relaxation of Norwegian import restrictions announced in the "Board of Trade Journal" on December 10, 1949 and January 28, 1950, and modified as described in our issue of April 1, 1950, was extended to include Belgium and Western Germany on August 10.

Turkish Import Regulations. New regulations state that any import applications already granted against which the goods have not yet been imported must be confirmed in writing within a month of September 1, 1950 and all applications for which no decision has yet been given by the Ministry of Economy and Commerce will be cancelled.

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